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Re the application of:

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For: ISOLATION AND AMPLIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACID MATERIALS

Corresponding to: USSN 09/125,241, filed August 13, 1998

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 12, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fee in the above-identified
application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please insert the attached Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert -- This application is a
continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/125,241, filed August 13,
1998, which is the National Phase of PCT/NL97/00063, filed
February 14, 1997. --

Page 1, between the title and the first paragraph, insert
-- Field of the Invention -;

between lines 7 and 8, insert -- Background of the
Invention --;

line 14, after "blood", insert -- , --;

line 23, after "Thus", insert -- , --;

line 27, delete "atranded" and replace with
-- stranded --; and